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Date/Time Stamp:

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September 23, 2019

Office of Public Records United States Senate 232 Hart Building Washington, D.C. 20510

RE: Post-Travel Disclosure of Privately Sponsored Travel

To Whom It May Concern:

In compliance with Rule 35.2 of the Senate Code of Official Conduct, please find enclosed the post-travel disclosures for privately sponsored travel by Senator Rick Scott and Chief of Staff Jacqueline Schutz Zeckman, which took place August 17-23, 2019. These materials are being provided within 30 days after the travel was completed.

The materials enclosed for the travel of Senator Scott include:

- Senator Post-Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses (Form RE-3);
- Pre-Travel Approval Letter from Ethics Committee, dated August 9, 2019;
- Official invitation from the private sponsor!;
- Completed and signed Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form and addenda;
- Complete and final trip itinerary, list of Senate invitees, and related attachments.

The materials enclosed for the travel of Jacqueline Schutz Zeckman include:

- Employee Post-Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses Form (Form RE-2);
- Pre-Travel Approval Letter from Ethics Committee, dated August 9, 2019;
- Completed and signed Employee Pre-Travel Authorization (Form RE-1);
- Official invitation from the private sponsor;
- Completed and signed Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form and addenda;
- Complete and final trip itinerary, list of Senate invitees, and related attachments.

If you need anything further, please contact me at (202) 228-0469, or by email at Jack Heekin@rickscott.senate.gov.

John-P. Heekin

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General Counsel

Office of Senator Rick Scott

¹ Although the private sponsor invited a family guest to accompany him, Senator Scott elected to pay for his spouse's travel expenses using personal funds.

Scott

Post-Travel Disclosure

Within 30 Days of Conclusion of Privately-Sponsored Travel: Submit Completed Post-Travel Disclosure Package

File with the Office of Public Records in SH-232

- Ensure submission of Post-Travel Disclosure Package is timely.

 Post-Travel Disclosure Packages must be submitted to the Office of Public Records within 30 days of completion of Privately-Sponsored Travel. Trip extensions for any purpose do not extend this deadline.
- Complete Senators and Officers Post-Travel Disclosure of Expenses Form (Form RE-3)
 - Ensure this form is typed and that all of the fields are completed.
 - Sign the form after determining the actual trip expenses were necessary under Senate Rules and the Committee's Privately-Sponsored Travel Guidelines.
- Ensure Post-Travel Disclosure Package is complete. A complete Package includes:
 - Form RE-3
 - Private sponsor invitation (the formal invitation, letter or e-mail you received from the private sponsor).
 - Completed and signed Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form (verify with the private sponsor that you have the correct and final version of the form).
 - All attachments to the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form
 - Complete and final itinerary
 - List of Senate invitees
 - Any other necessary attachments

Please contact the Committee if you have any questions.

Phone: (202)-224-2981 Fax: (202)-224-7416

Other Expenses for Senator/ Officer: \$2,942.76 total

•	Security:	\$1,058.28
•	Speaker Fees:	\$464.41
•	Tour Guide:	\$426.16

Contract Staff & Speakers:

•	Contract Staff & Speakers:	
	o Hotels:	\$299.09
	o Meals:	\$290.74
	o Transportation:	\$133.78
•	Room Rentals:	\$130.85
•	Photography:	\$49.13
•	Airport Assistance:	\$48.25
•	Entrance Fees:	\$11.92
•	Tips & Gratuity:	\$10.29
•	Misc. Print Materials:	\$19.86

American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF) Educational Seminar in Israel Senators Mike Braun (R-IN) and Rick Scott (R-FL) August 17 ~ 23, 2019

<u>Itinerary</u>

Saturday, August 17, 2019

Afternoon

Flights from various airports to Newark

10:50 PM

Depart Newark

Sunday, August 18, 2019

4:20 PM

Arrive at Ben-Gurion Airport

Transfer to Jerusalem

6:30 PM

Check in to the King David Hotel

7:15 PM

Depart for dinner

7:30-8:00 PM

Setting the Stage

Welcome and Orientation

- at Touro

8:00-10:00 PM

State of the Nation

David Horowitz, Editor, Times of Israel

- at Touro

State of the Nation

David Horovitz is the founding editor of *Times of Israel*, the leading current affairs website in Israel. Mr. Horovitz is will provide staff with a synthesis of domestic political trends, current international affairs and the general state of mind of the Israeli voters.

10:00-10:30 PM

Shalom Jerusalem

Introduction to the history of the city

A brief walking tour

10:30 PM

Overnight at the King David Hotel

Monday, August 19, 2019

8:00 AM Breakfast is served

- at the hotel

8:15-9:15 AM Israel's Political Map

Prof. Reuven Hazan, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

- at the hotel

Israel's Political Map

It is critical for trip participants to have an understanding of the parliamentary system in Israel. Professor Hazan explains how the parliamentary party system works, how coalitions rise and fall, and how Israeli politics differ from American politics. Since the group will be visiting with government officials throughout the week, we believe it's important to provide this overview early in the seminar. The group will also be arriving during an unprecedented interim Israeli government, as the Prime Minister was unable to form a coalition. Israeli voters who just went to the polls in March, will be heading back to the polls in September, making for a robust political conversation throughout the country.

9:15 AM Depart

10:30-11:30 AM Meeting with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu

-at the Prime Minister's Office

Meeting with The Honorable Benjamin Netanyahu

Every member delegation has the opportunity to meet with Israel's Prime Minister. Prime Minister Netanyahu is currently residing over an interim government, until elections are held for a second time this year in September

11:30 AM Depart

12:00-12:30 PM Remembering the Victims of the Holocaust

Wreath-Laying Ceremony

-at Yad Vashem

Yad Vashem

One cannot understand Israel's position on Iran's nuclear program without understanding the trauma of the Holocaust. Israelis view threats to its destruction in light of the events of the 1930s and 1940s, when the German government's threats to exterminate the Jewish people were not taken seriously by the international community. This museum provides an important reference point as to how Israelis interpret the threat of an Iranian nuclear program and Iranian leaders committed to Israel's destruction.

Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority, was established in 1953 by an act of the Israeli Knesset. Since its inception, Yad Vashem has been entrusted with

documenting the history of the Jewish people during the Holocaust period, preserving the memory and story of each of the six million victims, and imparting the legacy of the Holocaust for generations to come through its archives, library, school, museums and recognition of the Righteous Among the Nations. Located on Har Hazikaron (the Mount of Remembrance) in Jerusalem, Yad Vashem is a sprawling complex of museums, exhibits, archives, monuments, sculptures, and memorials.

Every foreign leader that travels to Israel visits Yad Vashem. Yad Vashem has become a symbol of the Jewish people and its transformation from total helplessness to self-reliance and strength. Thus, a visit to Yad Vashem provides a historical context for the Jewish state.

12:30 PM	Depart
1:00-2:15 PM	Israeli-Palestinian Negotiations: How Wide is the Gap? Tal Becker, Senior Legal Advisor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs -at Anna

Israeli-Palestinian Negotiations: How Wide is the Gap?

Since Israel's founding, the Jewish state has sought to reach a just and lasting solution to the Israeli Palestinian conflict. The United States has been closely involved in negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians. Dr. Tal Becker is a senior member of the Israeli peace negotiation team. In this position, he is on the front lines of many of Israel's most pressing diplomatic, legal and policy challenges. He is a veteran negotiator, and key behind the scenes representative, for Israel in a wide variety of contexts. During this session, he will address the prospects for peace in the current political climate. He will also discuss the complex challenges that have prevented a final status agreement thus far.

2:15 PM	Depart
2:30-5:30 PM	Strategic Survey of Jerusalem, Part II: The Historic and Holy Basin Guided survey of the Old City of Jerusalem City of David Southern Wall Excavations Western Wall Church of the Holy Sepulchre Via Dolorosa

Jerusalem

Throughout its 4,000-year history, the city of Jerusalem has changed hands many times. As home to the world's three great monotheistic religions — Judaism, Christianity and Islam — Jerusalem is probably the most disputed city in history. Today, the status of Jerusalem remains the most contentious issue in the Arab-Israeli conflict. Jerusalem has been at the heart of all Israeli-Palestinian negotiations. To understand the current political issues, it is critical to understand Jerusalem's history and the role it has played in shaping the Middle East. This seminar will include

site visits to various locations in and around Jerusalem to give participants a first-hand look at the historic significance of the city, as well as its geographic layout.

Old City of Jerusalem & the Holy Basin

The Old City of Jerusalem is home to the holiest shrines of the three monotheistic religions, including the Temple Mount, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, and the Al-Aqsa Mosque. During the Camp David II talks, the Palestinians and Israelis differed on the Jerusalem question, namely the Old City, the status of Arab neighborhoods just outside the Old City, and religious sites such as the Temple Mount.

The Holy Basin is the historic location of Jerusalem and refers to the land surrounding the Old City, including the Mount of Olives, which is believed to be the departure point for Jesus' final entry into Jerusalem and where Jews have been burying their dead for 2,500 years. The Holy Basin also includes the Western Wall, Judaism's holiest site, and the Temple Mount (Haram al-Sharif), sacred ground for Jews, Muslims, and Christians. Control over these sensitive: areas remains among the largest disputes in the Middle East.

The professionally guided survey will walk through all of these sites and others, educating trip participants on their historical impact and their role in today's political discussions.

The City of David

The Israeli-Palestinian conflict has consumed an enormous amount of time and manpower from members of consecutive American Administrations as well as members of Congress. One of the most intractable issues in the conflict has been the question of the future of Jerusalem. Jerusalem's City of David, more than any other site, represents the complexity of this conflict.

The City of David is the site most archeologists agree to be the ancient city of Jerusalem that later became the capital of the united Israelite tribes under King David. This area is one of the most intensively excavated sides in the wider region. To Jewish Israelis, the site represents the beginning of their physical and emotional attachment to Jerusalem that has continued for over three thousand years.

At the same time, much of the site is located in the predominantly Arab neighborhood of Silwan. The residents of Silwan, and the Palestinian Authority leadership are opposed to the archeological efforts being carried out in the City of David. In several instances, homes in Silwan were purchased and then destroyed to open up more areas for excavations. Additionally, Palestinian leadership has denied in their official statements the existence of any Jewish connection to Jerusalem.

5:30 PM Return to hotel
7:30 PM Depart for dinner

7:45-9:45 PM US-Israel Relations

Dinner with U.S. Ambassador David Friedman -at the Ambassador's residence on Agron St.

Meeting with Ambassador David Friedman

Every member delegation has the opportunity to meet with the U.S. Ambassador to Israel. Ambassador David Friedman was the first bilateral ambassador to be confirmed in the Trump Administration. Prior to his appointment as ambassador, Mr. Friedman was a nationally topranked attorney, and a founding partner of Kasowitz, Benson, Torres & Friedman of New York, New York. He frequently represented high-profile clients in large and significant cases and has published articles and lectured on novel and complex areas of law. Ambassador Friedman has played a lead role in negotiating multilateral disputes in some of the nation's most complex business and financial restructurings. Well known for his excellent public speaking, negotiating and interpersonal skills, he has been active for decades in U.S. policy as it relates to Israel and the Middle East. He speaks and reads Hebrew and has traveled to Israel extensively. Ambassador Friedman earned a J.D. from New York University School of Law.

9:45 PM Overnight at the King David Hotel

Tuesday, August 20, 2019

7:45 AM Breakfast is Served

8:00-9:00 AM *Cybersecurity*

Breakfast with Yigal Unna

Director General, Israel National Cyber Directorate

-at the hotel

Cybersecurity

The United States and the State of Israel are working together to protect their cyberspace from attacks. Yigal Unna, Director General of the Israel National Cyber Directorate, will discuss the latest advancements in this burgeoning field, along with opportunities for the United States and Israel to partner on this issue.

11:30 AM	Depart)
10:45-11:30 AM	Israel's Southern Front: Part I Briefing with IDF Southern Commander -at Nir Am or Black Arrow
9:15 AM	Depart

11:45 AM-12:45 PM Israel's Southern Front: Part II

Meeting and Tour with Chen Abrahams, Resident, Kibbutz Kfar Aza

-at Kibbutz Kfar Aza

Israel's Southern Front

Since 2001, Israeli communities bordering the Gaza Strip have been living under the threat of rocket fire. Since the Israeli withdrawal from the Gaza Strip in 2005 and the Hamas takeover of the Gaza Strip in 2007, the volume, range and accuracy of the rockets has only increased. The summer of 2014 witnessed Operation Protective Edge, which returned the issue of rocket fire from Gaza to international headlines. During this strategic overview, participants will have the opportunity to visit an Israel Air Force Base to see the latest advancements in missile technology. The visit to Kibbutz Kfar Aza and meeting with local residents will be an opportunity to better understand the reality of living just kilometers from Israel's border with Gaza, to learn how almost 15 years of rocket fire has shaped those living in the communities most affected, to discuss the advent of Hamas "terror tunnels" into Israel's border towns and how communities have sought to cope with the threat on their doorstep, both physically and psychologically.

12:45 PM Depart

-Boxed Lunches En Route

1:15-1:45 PM Israel's Missile Defense Systems

Visit to Iron Dome Battery

The Iron Dome

The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) typically honors our request to visit an Iron Dome battery, the joint U.S.-Israel funded rocket defense program. The military typically approves any visit to an Iron Dome location the week before the trip due to the constantly shifting security situation on the ground. A visit to an Iron Dome battery includes meeting with the soldiers and the commanding officer.

1:45 PM	Depart
3:00-4:00 PM	US-Israel Defense Relations
	Lunch with Ari Sacher
	Marketing and Business Development Manager Land and Naval Division,
	Rafael
	-at the King David Hotel

U.S.-Israel Defense Relations

Ari Sacher is a Rocket Scientist and has worked in the design and development of missiles for over twenty years. He has briefed hundreds of US Congressmen on Israeli Missile Defense and speaks regularly for the Israeli Foreign Ministry. Ari is highly regarded speaker, enabling even the layman to understand the "rocket science". During this session, he will explain the U.S.-Israel strategic cooperation that has led to Israel's development of multi-tiered missile defense system.

4:15-5:15 PM

Israeli-Palestinian Conflict: Looking Toward the Future

Coffee with:

- Gidon Bromberg, Director, EcoPeace Middle East
- Yadin Kaufman and Saed Nashef, Founding Partners, Sadara Ventures
 Project Rozana

-at the King David Hotel

Israeli-Palestinian Conflict: Looking Toward the Future

Despite the lack of negotiations between Israel and the Palestinian Authority, there's a burgeoning movement of Israelis and Palestinians committed to strengthening their business and personal relationships. During this session the delegation will hear from these young Palestinian students and entrepreneurs. These Palestinian innovators will share their personal experiences, their plans for growth in the Palestinian tech and entrepreneurship sectors, and their partnerships with Israelis.

5:15 PM

Meeting ends

7:00 PM

Depart

7:15-9:00 PM

Start-Up Nation

Dinner with

- Shmuel Peleg, Briefcam
- Elly Perets, Utilis

Cathy Sebag, Head of Products, Mobile ODT

Yonatan Wexler, OrCam

- at Kinor

Start-Up Nation

Israel is a giant when it comes to innovation: a global leader in R&D spending and Venture Capital investment, and home to global R&D centers for the likes of Google, Apple and IBM. This evening's Start-Up Nation dinner will include a discussion with entrepreneurs representing Israeli innovation and ingenuity that has had enormous impact both in Israel and abroad.

9:00 PM

Overnight at the King David Hotel

Wednesday, August 21, 2019

8:00 AM

Breakfast is served

8:15-9:15 AM

Strategic Threats Overview

Breakfast with Brig. Gen: (res.) Nitzan Nuriel

-at the hotel

Strategic Threats Overview

As the delegation heads north to the borders with Lebanon and Syria, it is critical to understand the threats faced by Israel from these borders, both Iranian proxies. The briefing will cover the unique situation at each border, as well as the malign activity from Iran contributing to unrest in the region.

9:30 AM	Depart
10:45-11:30 AM	Israel's Narrow Waistline – Strategic Concerns Briefing at Alfei Menashe with Col. (res.) Miri Eisin

Alfei Menashe

Alfei Menashe is a Jewish community located on the western edge of the West Bank. Less than 10 miles from the Mediterranean Sea, Alfei Menashe provides a unique vantage point to discuss Israeli settlement policy, the routing of the security barrier, as well as Israel's narrow waistline.

The sliver of Israeli land west of the West Bank is often referred to as the Hadera-Gadera rectangle, with the city of Hadera denoting the northern point, and the city of Hadera the southern point. The Hadera-Gadera rectangle is home to over 50 percent of Israel's population, as well as civilian infrastructure. The area is also home to Israel's "Silicon Valley," as well as Ben Gurion international airport.

The discussion at Alfei Menashe will allow participants to see firsthand the proximity of Jewish and Arab neighborhoods in both Israel and the West Bank; as well as the strategic threats faced by the Israeli population living in Israel's narrow waistline.

11:30 AM	Depart
12:30-1:30 PM	Falafel and Shawarma Lunch in Yokne'am
1:30 PM	Depart
2:45-3:45 PM	Israel's Northern Border Concerns: Lebanon Briefing and Visit to Hezbollah Tunnel led by Lt. Col. (Res.) Sarit Zehavi -at Zarit

Israel's Northern Border Concerns: Lebanon and Hizballah

Lt. Col. (Res.) Sarit Zehavi served 15 years in the IDF in Military Intelligence—first in the Research and Analysis Branch, and later in the Northern Command. During her military service she briefed hundreds of delegations, ranging from U.S. Senators, Congressmen and politicians to global military commanders, senior journalists and visiting VIP delegations. She is the founder/director of Alma, an educational research center focusing on the security issues of Israel's northern border. Zehavi has authored many position papers focusing on Lebanon, Syria and Israel's

national security challenges, and continues to brief delegations on these topics. She holds an MA in Middle East Studies from Ben Gurion University and is a resident of the northern Galilee region. She will brief the group on the current threats facing Israel by Iranian backed Hizballah in Lebanon.

3:45 PM Depart

5:00 PM Arrival at Scots Hotel, Tiberias

7:00 PM Depart

7:15-9:30 PM Reflections on the Week

Dinner at Decks

Dinner and Discussion

We will use this dinner as an opportunity to discuss the speakers and topics we have been exposed to thus far. We have found giving our participants an opportunity to discuss the topics and perspectives presented to them assists them in their ability to more fully understand the complexities Israel faces.

9:30 PM Overnight at the Scots Hotel

Thursday, August 22, 2019

8:00 AM Breakfast on your own

-at the hote!

8:30 AM Depart

9:00-11:00 AM Historical Significance of the Sea of Galilee

Tour of historical and religious sites around the Sea of Galilee

Mt. of Beatitudes – Sermon on the Mount

St. Peter's Church

Capernaum – Jesus' Village

Christian Sites at the Sea of Galilee

As part of the seminar's focus on the complex religious fabric of Israeli society, the group will be visiting several of the most sacred sites for Christians in the Holy Land. Included is a guided survey and discussion of some of the most important events in the life of Jesus by the Sea of Galilee. Just as strategic surveys in Jerusalem focused on Jewish, Muslim, and Christian history and claims to the land, the site visits to the Christian sites help provide context for the competing religious narratives for the land of Israel. For example, we will be visiting the Mount of Beatitudes, where Jesus delivered the Sermon on the Mount, the most studied and read speech of any religion in history. Our guide will also lead discussions through Capernaum and St. Peter's Church.

11:00 AM Depart for the Golan Heights

12:00-1:00 PM Israel's Northern Border Concerns: Syria

Strategic survey of Israel's border-with Syria

With Cpt. Han Shulman

- at Ein Zivan

Israel's Northern Border Concerns: Syria

Captain (Res.) Ilan Shulman, a disabled IDF veteran, divides his time guiding geopolitical tours on the Galilee and Golan Heights, lecturing to students, giving geo-political briefings for delegations through various Israeli foreign ministry programs, and fulfilling his IDF reserve duties in the Northern Command's intelligence unit. Shulman was raised in Kibbutz Merom Golan near Israel's border with Syria, where one of his favorite Jobs was herding the kibbutz cattle. Shulman served in the IDF's paratrooper's unit, rising to the position of company commander. He holds a BA in Israel and Middle East Studies. During this session he will take participants to the border between Israel and Syria and provide an overview of the Syrian civil war.

1:00 PM Depart

1:15-2:30 PM Ethics In the IDF

Lunch with IDF Soldiers

-at HaBokrim

Ethics in the IDF

Ruach Tzahal (Literally, 'Spirit of the IDF') represents the values of the Israel Defense Forces and stands as the foundation for the responsibilities of Israel's army. This overarching ethical code, and the guidelines and operation resulting from it, shape the mode of action applied by all IDF soldiers and units, both in peace and at war. During basic training, every IDF soldier studies and analyzes the code of ethics together with their commanders. It is customary for a framed copy of the code to be hung in every commander's office as a constant reminder of the IDF's values and guidelines. During lunch, participants will be joined by soldiers in the Northern Command, who will discuss the challenges of serving in a region overtaken by the Syrian civil war.

2:30-5:30 PM Travel to Tel Aviv

2:30-3:30 PM En route briefings:

The Jezreel Valley
The Upper Galilee

The Jezreel Valley

Our tour guide will spend an hour during the drive from Israel's center to the north to provide the delegation a briefing on the Jezreel Valley and the Upper Galilee and the challenges facing these regions of the country.

For thousands of years, the Jezreel Valley served as a land bridge linking Africa, Asia and Europe, and serving as a thoroughfare for ancient caravans and, more frequently, armies. In modern times, during World War I, for example, the British and Turkish forces fought a number of pitched battles in the valley. In 1948, following Israel's establishment, the combined forces of Iraq and Jordan attempted unsuccessfully to capture the valley in order to split the just-born Israel into two parts. In the early 20th century, after decades of neglect, Jewish pioneers drained the swamps in the valley, transforming this region into Israel's "breadbasket" known for wheat, cotton, sunflowers and fish ponds. The Jezreel Valley is also home to historical and biblical sites including Tel Megiddo and Nazareth.

Today it is an important symbol of Israel's complex and diverse political reality. The Jezreel Valley, together with the areas of the Lower and Upper Galilee, is home to the majority of Israel's Arab citizens. A survey of this area provides an opportunity to discuss and learn about Israel's Arab citizens – 20 percent of the population – each of which has full democratic, social and welfare rights, the right to vote and serve in the Knesset, and the opportunity to serve on Israel's Supreme Court. These issues are not widely known and this segment gives trip participants the opportunity to understand Israel's relationship with its largest minority group.

Upper Galilee

The Upper Galilee is home to the largest variety of ethnic communities in Israel including Druze, Circassian, Arab Muslim and Arab Christian villages. The Galilee is also home to ancient Jewish and Christian holy sites that provide additional historical and political context to regional tensions. Just as in the case of the Jezreel Valley, the area illustrates the role of minorities in Israel.

At the same time, the Upper Galilee is home to some of the most prominent industrial hubs. Best known among them is the Tefen Industrial area, home to numerous enterprises established by the region's residents – Jewish and Arab. In 2006, Upper Galilee's ISCAR Metal Working Company was purchased for \$5 billion by Warren Buffet's conglomerate holding company. Since then, a number of American investors have become partners in some of the region's hi-tech and biotech companies.

While time does not permit for sites visits, a drive through the region allows for expanding on the importance of the area in the context of the U.S.-Israel relationship.

6:30-8:30 PM The U.S.-Israel Relationship: Bringing it All Together

Closing dinner -in Tel Aviv

Closing Dinner

The closing dinner provides an opportunity for participants to process the scope of the week, from the religious center of the Judeo-Christian world in Jerusalem, to the bustling economic powerhouse of Tel Aviv; from the conflict plagued northern borders with Syria and Lebanon, to

the environmental and geographical wonders of the Negev desert and the Dead Sea. We will process the range of topics explored, including the U.S.-Israel strategic partnership, prospects for Arab-Israeli peace, the experience of minorities in Israel, as well as greater existential threats throughout the region. Participants will also have the opportunity to share their takeaways and ask any lingering questions that weren't covered during the week.

8:30 PM Depart for the airport

11:25 PM Depart Ben-Gurion Airport

Friday, August 23, 2019

4:30 AM Arrive at Newark

Morning Flights to various airports from Newark



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June 3, 2019

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On behalf of the American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF), we would like to invite you and your family guest to participate in an educational seminar in Israel, August 17-23, 2019. The trip will depart Saturday afternoon, August 17; and return to

the U.S. on Friday morning, August 23.

This seminar will delve into some of the most difficult issues facing Israel and the region. Israeli leaders from across the political spectrum, along with Palestinian leaders, will explore the peace negotiations and the obstacles to peace, the myriad of security threats facing the region, and the strategic relationship between the United States and Israel.

Participants will hear a wide array of viewpoints, including discussions with: members of the Israeli Knesset and the Palestinian Authority; U.S. government officials; military leaders; heads of non-governmental organizations; and prominent academics and journalists. The program will also include visits to historic and religious sites in Jerusalem and the Galilee.

All trip-related expenses will be paid for by AIEF, and all aspects of the trip will be in full conformity with Senate Ethics rules. AIEF will provide additional information to assure your compliance with ethics rules.

We hope you will be able to join us on what promises to be a rich, insightful and educational trip. To confirm your participation, please complete the confirmation form, and return to jperetz@aiefdn.org. If you have any questions, please contact Julie Peretz at (202) 639-5192.

Sincerely,

Richard Fishman

Executive Director, AIEF

PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM

This form must be completed by any private entity offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to Senate Members, officers, or employees (Senate Rule 35, clause 2). Each sponsor of a fact-finding trip must sign the completed form. The trip sponsor(s) must provide a copy of the completed form to each invited Senate traveler, who will then forward it to the Ethics Committee with any other required materials. The trip sponsor(s) should NOT submit the form directly to the Ethics Committee. Please consult the accompanying instructions for more detailed definitions and other key information.

The Senate Member, officer, or employee MUST also provide a copy of this form, along with the appropriate travel authorization and reimbursement form, to the Office of Public Records (OPR), Room 232 of the Hart Building, within thirty (30) days after the travel is completed.

S	Sponsor(s) of the trip (please list all sponsors):
-	American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)
ľ	Description of the trip:
F	Please see addendum
D	ates of travel: August 17 - August 23, 2019
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N	ame and title of Senate invitees: Please see attached
I	certify that the trip fits one of the following categories:
<u>[×</u>	(A) The sponsor(s) are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and do not retain or employ registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee at any point throughout the trip. - OR -
	(B) The sponsor or sponsors are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, but retain of employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and the trip meets the requirements of Senate Rule 35.2(a)(2)(A)(i) or (ii) (see question 9).
X	I certify that the trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.
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×	I certify that the sponsor or sponsors will not accept funds or in-kind contributions earmarked directly or indirectly for the purpose of financing this specific trip from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal or from a private entity that retains or employs one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal.
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9.	USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 6(B) I certify that if the sponsor or sponsors retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, one of the following scenarios applies:
	 (A) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and one overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member officer, or employee on any segment of the trip. OR ←
	 (B) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and two overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee on any segment of the trip (see questions 6 and 10). - OR -
	(C) The trip is being sponsored only by an organization or organizations designated under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee at any point throughout the trip.
10.	USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 9(B) If the trip includes two overnight stays, please explain why the second night is practically required for Senate invitees to participate in the travel:
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11.	An itinerary for the trip is attached to this form. I certify that the attached itinerary is a detailed (hourby-hour), complete, and final itinerary for the trip.
12.	Briefly describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip:
	AIEF is solely responsible for recruiting, coordinating, executing, and funding all aspects of this trip.
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13.	Briefly describe the stated mission of each sponsor and how the purpose of the trip relates to that mission:
•	AIEF is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization with the mission of providing educational programming about
	the U.Srelationship. The delegation will have the opportunity to meet with a diverse group of Israelis and
	Palestinians, and see first-hand the outcome of U.SIsrael strategic cooperation in the region.
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2.	Describe the type and class of transportation being provided. Indicate whether coach, business-class or first class transportation will be provided. If first-class fare is being provided, please explain why first-class travel is necessary:		
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	commercial airline); charter bus and taxis on the ground in Israel; Newark-DCA (coach on a com. airline)		
3.	I represent that the travel expenses that will be paid for or reimbursed to Senate invitees do not include expenditures for recreational activities, alcohol, or entertainment (other than entertainment provided to all attendees as an integral part of the event, as permissible under Senate Rule 35).		
	List any entertainment that will be provided to, paid for, or reimbursed to Senate invitees and explain why the entertainment is an integral part of the event:		
	none		
•	I hereby certify that the information contained herein is true, complete and correct. (For trips involving more than one sponsor, you must include a completed signature page for each additional sponsor): Signature of Travel Sponsor:		
	Name and Title: Rachel Hirsch, In-House Counsel		
	Name of Organization: American Israel Educational Foundation (AIEF)		
	Address: 251 H Street NW, Washington DC 20001		
	Telephone Number: (202) 639-5248		
	Fax Number: n/a		
	E-mail Address: rhirsch@aiefdn.org		

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Senate Invitees

- 1. The Honorable Mike Braun
- 2. The Honorable Rick Scott
- 3. Joshua Kelley, Chief of Staff, Sen. Mike Braun
- 4. Jackie Schutz Zeckman, Chief of Staff, Sen. Rick Scott

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Addendum

2. Description of the Trip

This seminar, which will be on the ground in Israel for four days, is specifically designed to explore foreign policy and defense issues related to the U.S.-Israel relationship. Some of the key issues to be addressed include: Iran's continued malign regional activities; the Impact of Syrian civil war along Israel's northern border; the internal political situations of both Israel and the Palestinian Authority, the status of the peace process; and the expanded cooperation between the U.S. and Israel in fighting terrorism and proliferation.

The seminar will consist of discussions with Israeli government officials, military officers, Members of the Knesset, Palestinian representatives and U.S. officials, as well as site surveys of the northern border with Lebanon and Syria, the southern border with the Gaza Strip, and the security fence. The seminar also aims to provide the political, historic, and religious context to the current conflicts and issues facing Israel and the region. It will explore the connection the three monotheistic religions have with the land and the influence this connection has on today's struggles. In addition to formal meetings and briefings, the trip provides experiential opportunities to help better understand the geographical complications, the security implications, and the historic root causes of the current conflicts.

14. Sponsoring Congressional Trips

Founded in 1990, the American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF) funds Israel Seminars for members of Congress, Capitol Hill staffers, students, political consultants, as well as Christian, Latino, African American, Progressive, and Veteran leaders. These trips to Israel are among the most critical programs AIEF supports on behalf of the U.S.-Israel relationship. These educational seminars allow policy makers to understand the complex historical, religious and geographic context of the Arab-Israeli conflict. Participants meet with Israell government officials, military officers, members of the Knesset, U.S. government officials, Palestinian Authority officials and leading academics and journalists. For many of the participants, who make important decisions impacting Israel and the Middle East, these trips are their first, and sometimes, only exposure to the country. The most recent Senate trip was for Congressional staff in May 2019.

15. Other Educational Activities

AIEF grants support innovative and award-winning programming that educates a wide array of participants, including college students, members of Congress and their staff, and political professionals.

16. Other Expenses

Security: \$1,545.45 per person

-AIEF considers the security of its trip participants as its highest priority. A security team

accompanies all participants throughout the trip.

Speaker Fees: \$1000 per person -Honoraria for guest speakers

Tour Gulde: \$409.09 per person

-As a detailed historical understanding is crucial to maximizing the educational aspect of the trip, a

licensed tour guide accompanies the group throughout the trip.

Hotels for contract staff (tour guide, bus driver, security guards): \$300 per person

Meals for contract staff and speakers: \$290.91 per person

Room Rentals: \$272.73 per person

-The cost of renting rooms at hotels and restaurants for meetings and meals with speakers.

Hotel Commission \$94 per person for double room; \$52 per person for single room

-We pay a 7% hotel room commission to the company that books our hotels.

Airport Assistance: \$90.91

-We use a service to help participants navigate passport control and customs.

Entrance Fees: \$81.82 per person

-Several sites require an entrance fee, including the southern Western Wall excavations and the holy sites around the Sea of Galilee.

Transportation for contract staff and speakers: \$54.55 per person

Photography: \$45.45 per person

-On each trip we take a group photo with a professional photographer

Other: \$45.45 per person

-Briefing materials, miscellaneous

Tips: \$10.45 per person -Tips for hotel staff

21. Per Dlem

Meal expenses are equal to the per diem rate for Jerusalem and Tiberias. Lodging expenses are less than the per diem for Jerusalem and Tiberias. Meal expenses include the cost for meals, snacks, and water on the bus. It does not include alcohol, as we do not pay for alcohol per Senate ethics rules.

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Itinerary

Saturday, August 17, 2019

Afternoon

Flights from various airports to Newark

10:50 PM

Depart Newark

Sunday, August 18, 2019

4:20 PM

Arrive at Ben-Gurion Airport

Transfer to Jerusalem

6:30 PM

Check in to the King David Hotel

7:15 PM

Depart for dinner

7:30-8:00 PM

Setting the Stage

Welcome and Orientation

- at Touro

8:00-10:00 PM

State of the Nation

David Horowitz, Editor, Times of Israel

- at Touro

State of the Nation

David Horovitz is the founding editor of *Times of Israel*, the leading current affairs website in Israel. Mr. Horovitz is will provide staff with a synthesis of domestic political trends, current international affairs and the general state of mind of the Israeli voters.

10:00-10:30 PM

Shalom Jerusalem

Introduction to the history of the city

A brief walking tour

10:30 PM

Overnight at the King David Hotel

Monday, August 19, 2019

8:00 AM Breakfast is served

- at the hotel

8:15-9:15 AM Israel's Political Map

Prof. Reuven Hazan, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

- at the hotel

Israel's Political Map

It is critical for trip participants to have an understanding of the parliamentary system in Israel. Professor Hazan explains how the parliamentary party system works, how coalitions rise and fall, and how Israeli politics differ from American politics. Since the group will be visiting with government officials throughout the week, we believe it's important to provide this overview early in the seminar. The group will also be arriving during an unprecedented interim Israeli government, as the Prime Minister was unable to form a coalition. Israeli voters who just went to the polls in March, will be heading back to the polls in September, making for a robust political conversation throughout the country.

9:15 AM	Depart
10:30-11:30 AM	Meeting with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu -at the Prime Minister's Office

Meeting with The Honorable Benjamin Netanyahu

Every member delegation has the opportunity to meet with Israel's Prime Minister. Prime Minister Netanyahu is currently residing over an interim government, until elections are held for a second time this year in September

11:30 AM	Depart
12:00-12:30 PM	Remembering the Victims of the Holocaust Wreath-Laying Ceremony -at Yad Vashem

Yad Vashem

One cannot understand Israel's position on Iran's nuclear program without understanding the trauma of the Holocaust. Israelis view threats to its destruction in light of the events of the 1930s and 1940s, when the German government's threats to exterminate the Jewish people were not taken seriously by the international community. This museum provides an important reference point as to how Israelis interpret the threat of an Iranian nuclear program and Iranian leaders committed to Israel's destruction.

Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority, was established in 1953 by an act of the Israeli Knesset. Since its inception, Yad Vashem has been entrusted with.

documenting the history of the Jewish people during the Holocaust period, preserving the memory and story of each of the six million victims, and imparting the legacy of the Holocaust for generations to come through its archives, library, school, museums and recognition of the Righteous Among the Nations. Located on Har Hazikaron (the Mount of Remembrance) in Jerusalem, Yad Vashem is a sprawling complex of museums, exhibits, archives, monuments, sculptures, and memorials.

Every foreign leader that travels to Israel visits Yad Vashem. Yad Vashem has become a symbol of the Jewish people and its transformation from total helplessness to self-reliance and strength. Thus, a visit to Yad Vashem provides a historical context for the Jewish state.

12:30 PM	Depart
1:00-2:15 PM	Israeli-Palestinian Negotiations: How Wide is the Gap? Tal Becker, Senior Legal Advisor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs -at Anna

Israeli-Palestinian Negotiations: How Wide is the Gap?

Since Israel's founding, the Jewish state has sought to reach a just and lasting solution to the Israeli Palestinian conflict. The United States has been closely involved in negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians. Dr. Tal Becker is a senior member of the Israeli peace negotiation team. In this position, he is on the front lines of many of Israel's most pressing diplomatic, legal and policy challenges. He is a veteran negotiator, and key behind the scenes representative, for Israel in a wide variety of contexts. During this session, he will address the prospects for peace in the current political climate. He will also discuss the complex challenges that have prevented a final status agreement thus far.

2:15 PM	Depart
2:30-5:30 PM	Strategic Survey of Jerusalem, Part II: The Historic and Holy Basin Guided survey of the Old City of Jerusalem City of David Southern Wall Excavations Western Wall Church of the Holy Sepulchre Via Dolorosa

Jerusalem

Throughout its 4,000-year history, the city of Jerusalem has changed hands many times. As home to the world's three great monotheistic religions — Judaism, Christianity and Islam — Jerusalem is probably the most disputed city in history. Today, the status of Jerusalem remains the most contentious issue in the Arab-Israeli conflict. Jerusalem has been at the heart of all Israeli-Palestinian negotiations. To understand the current political issues, it is critical to understand Jerusalem's history and the role it has played in shaping the Middle East. This seminar will include

site visits to various locations in and around Jerusalem to give participants a first-hand look at the historic significance of the city, as well as its geographic layout.

Old City of Jerusalem & the Holy Basin

The Old City of Jerusalem is home to the holiest shrines of the three monotheistic religions, including the Temple Mount, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, and the Al-Aqsa Mosque. During the Camp David II talks, the Palestinians and Israelis differed on the Jerusalem question, namely the Old City, the status of Arab neighborhoods just outside the Old City, and religious sites such as the Temple Mount.

The Holy Basin is the historic location of Jerusalem and refers to the land surrounding the Old City, including the Mount of Olives, which is believed to be the departure point for Jesus' final entry into Jerusalem and where Jews have been burying their dead for 2,500 years. The Holy Basin also includes the Western Wall, Judaism's holiest site, and the Temple Mount (Haram al-Sharif), sacred ground for Jews, Muslims, and Christians. Control over these sensitive areas remains among the largest disputes in the Middle East.

The professionally guided survey will walk through all of these sites and others, educating trip participants on their historical impact and their role in today's political discussions.

The City of David

The Israeli-Palestinian conflict has consumed an enormous amount of time and manpower from members of consecutive American Administrations as well as members of Congress. One of the most intractable issues in the conflict has been the question of the future of Jerusalem. Jerusalem's City of David, more than any other site, represents the complexity of this conflict.

The City of David is the site most archeologists agree to be the ancient city of Jerusalem that later became the capital of the united Israelite tribes under King David. This area is one of the most intensively excavated sides in the wider region. To Jewish Israelis, the site represents the beginning of their physical and emotional attachment to Jerusalem that has continued for over three thousand years.

At the same time, much of the site is located in the predominantly Arab neighborhood of Silwan. The residents of Silwan, and the Palestinian Authority leadership are opposed to the archeological efforts being carried out in the City of David. In several instances, homes in Silwan were purchased and then destroyed to open up more areas for excavations. Additionally, Palestinian leadership has denied in their official statements the existence of any Jewish connection to Jerusalem.

5:30 PM Return to hotel

7:30 PM Depart for dinner

7:45-9:45 PM US-Israel Relations

Dinner with U.S. Ambassador David Friedman -at the Ambassador's residence on Agron St.

Meeting with Ambassador David Friedman

Every member delegation has the opportunity to meet with the U.S. Ambassador to Israel. Ambassador David Friedman was the first bilateral ambassador to be confirmed in the Trump Administration. Prior to his appointment as ambassador, Mr. Friedman was a nationally topranked attorney, and a founding partner of Kasowitz, Benson, Torres & Friedman of New York, New York. He frequently represented high-profile clients in large and significant cases and has published articles and lectured on novel and complex areas of law. Ambassador Friedman has played a lead role in negotiating multilateral disputes in some of the nation's most complex business and financial restructurings. Well known for his excellent public speaking, negotiating and interpersonal skills, he has been active for decades in U.S. policy as it relates to Israel and the Middle East. He speaks and reads Hebrew and has traveled to Israel extensively. Ambassador Friedman earned a J.D. from New York University School of Law.

9:45 PM Overnight at the King David Hotel

Tuesday, August 20, 2019

7:45 AM Breakfast is Served

8:00-9:00 AM Cybersecurity

Breakfast with Yigal Unna

Director General, Israel National Cyber Directorate

-at the hotel

Cybersecurity

The United States and the State of Israel are working together to protect their cyberspace from attacks. Yigal Unna, Director General of the Israel National Cyber Directorate, will discuss the latest advancements in this burgeoning field, along with opportunities for the United States and Israel to partner on this issue.

9:15 AM	Depart
10:45-11:30 AM	Israel's Southern Front: Part I Briefing with IDF Southern Commander -at Nir Am or Black Arrow
11:30 AM	Depart

11:45 AM-12:45 PM Israel's Southern Front: Part II

Meeting and Tour with Chen Abrahams, Resident, Kibbutz Kfar Aza

-at Kibbutz Kfar Aza

Israel's Southern Front

Since 2001, Israeli communities bordering the Gaza Strip have been living under the threat of rocket fire. Since the Israeli withdrawal from the Gaza Strip in 2005 and the Hamas takeover of the Gaza Strip in 2007, the volume, range and accuracy of the rockets has only increased. The summer of 2014 witnessed Operation Protective Edge, which returned the issue of rocket fire from Gaza to international headlines. During this strategic overview, participants will have the opportunity to visit an Israel Air Force Base to see the latest advancements in missile technology. The visit to Kibbutz Kfar Aza and meeting with local residents will be an opportunity to better understand the reality of living just kilometers from Israel's border with Gaza, to learn how almost 15 years of rocket fire has shaped those living in the communities most affected, to discuss the advent of Hamas "terror tunnels" into Israel's border towns and how communities have sought to cope with the threat on their doorstep, both physically and psychologically.

12:45 PM Depart

-Boxed Lunches En Route

1:15-1:45 PM Israel's Missile Defense Systems

Visit to Iron Dome Battery

The Iron Dome

The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) typically honors our request to visit an Iron Dome battery, the joint U.S.-Israel funded rocket defense program. The military typically approves any visit to an Iron Dome location the week before the trip due to the constantly shifting security situation on the ground. A visit to an Iron Dome battery includes meeting with the soldiers and the commanding officer.

1:45 PM	Depart
3:00-4:00 PM	US-Israel Defense Relations
	Lunch with Ari Sacher
	Marketing and Business Development Manager Land and Naval Division,
	Rafael
	-at the King David Hotel

U.S.-Israel Defense Relations

Ari Sacher is a Rocket Scientist and has worked in the design and development of missiles for over twenty years. He has briefed hundreds of US Congressmen on Israeli Missile Defense and speaks regularly for the Israeli Foreign Ministry. Ari is highly regarded speaker, enabling even the layman to understand the "rocket science". During this session, he will explain the U.S.-Israel strategic cooperation that has led to Israel's development of multi-tiered missile defense system.

4:15-5:15 PM

Israeli-Palestinian Conflict: Looking Toward the Future

Coffee with:

- Gidon Bromberg, Director, EcoPeace Middle East
- Yadin Kaufman and Saed Nashef, Founding Partners, Sadara Ventures
 Project Rozana

-at the King David Hotel

Israeli-Palestinian Conflict: Looking Toward the Future

Despite the lack of negotiations between Israel and the Palestinian Authority, there's a burgeoning movement of Israelis and Palestinians committed to strengthening their business and personal relationships. During this session the delegation will hear from these young Palestinian students and entrepreneurs. These Palestinian innovators will share their personal experiences, their plans for growth in the Palestinian tech and entrepreneurship sectors, and their partnerships with Israelis.

5:15 PM

Meeting ends

7:00 PM

Depart

7:15-9:00 PM

Start-Up Nation

Dinner with

- Shmuel Peleg, Briefcam
- Elly Perets, Utilis

Cathy Sebag, Head of Products, Mobile ODT

Yonatan Wexler, OrCam

- at Kinor

Start-Up Nation

Israel is a giant when it comes to innovation: a global leader in R&D spending and Venture Capital investment, and home to global R&D centers for the likes of Google, Apple and IBM. This evening's Start-Up Nation dinner will include a discussion with entrepreneurs representing Israeli innovation and ingenuity that has had enormous impact both in Israel and abroad.

9:00 PM

Overnight at the King David Hotel

Wednesday, August 21, 2019

8:00 AM

Breakfast is served

8:15-9:15 AM

Strategic Threats Overview

Breakfast with Brig. Gen: (res.) Nitzan Nuriel

-at the hotel

Strategic Threats Overview

As the delegation heads north to the borders with Lebanon and Syria, it is critical to understand the threats faced by Israel from these borders, both Iranian proxies. The briefing will cover the unique situation at each border, as well as the malign activity from Iran contributing to unrest in the region.

9:30 AM	Depart
10:45-11:30 AM	Israel's Narrow Waistline – Strategic Concerns Briefing at Alfei Menashe with Col. (res.) Miri Eisin

Alfei Menashe

Alfei Menashe is a Jewish community located on the western edge of the West Bank. Less than 10 miles from the Mediterranean Sea, Alfei Menashe provides a unique vantage point to discuss Israeli settlement policy, the routing of the security barrier, as well as Israel's narrow waistline.

The sliver of Israeli land west of the West Bank is often referred to as the Hadera-Gadera rectangle, with the city of Hadera denoting the northern point, and the city of Hadera the southern point. The Hadera-Gadera rectangle is home to over 50 percent of Israel's population, as well as civilian infrastructure. The area is also home to Israel's "Silicon Valley," as well as Ben Gurion international airport.

The discussion at Alfei Menashe will allow participants to see firsthand the proximity of Jewish and Arab neighborhoods in both Israel and the West Bank; as well as the strategic threats faced by the Israeli population living in Israel's narrow waistline.

11:30 AM	`Depart
12:30-1:30 PM	Falafel and Shawarma Lunch in Yokne'am
1:30 PM	Depart
2:45-3:45 PM	Israel's Northern Border Concerns: Lebanon Briefing and Visit to Hezbollah Tunnel led by Lt. Col. (Res.) Sarit Zehavi -at Zarit

Israel's Northern Border Concerns: Lebanon and Hizballah

Lt. Col. (Res.) Sarit Zehavi served 15 years in the IDF in Military Intelligence –first in the Research and Analysis Branch, and later in the Northern Command. During her military service she briefed hundreds of delegations, ranging from U.S. Senators, Congressmen and politicians to global military commanders, senior journalists and visiting VIP delegations. She is the founder/director of Alma, an educational research center focusing on the security issues of Israel's northern border. Zehavi has authored many position papers focusing on Lebanon, Syria and Israel's

national security challenges, and continues to brief delegations on these topics. She holds an MA in Middle East Studies from Ben Gurion University and is a resident of the northern Galilee region. She will brief the group on the current threats facing Israel by Iranian backed Hizballah in Lebanon.

3:45 PM Depart

5:00 PM Arrival at Scots Hotel, Tiberias

7:00 PM Depart

7:15-9:30 PM Reflections on the Week

Dinner at Decks

Dinner and Discussion

We will use this dinner as an opportunity to discuss the speakers and topics we have been exposed to thus far. We have found giving our participants an opportunity to discuss the topics and perspectives presented to them assists them in their ability to more fully understand the complexities Israel faces.

9:30 PM Overnight at the Scots Hotel

Thursday, August 22, 2019

8:00 AM Breakfast on your own

-at the hotel

8:30 AM Depart

9:00-11:00 AM Historical Significance of the Sea of Galilee

Tour of historical and religious sites around the Sea of Galilee

Mt. of Beatitudes - Sermon on the Mount

St. Peter's Church

Capernaum – Jesus' Village

Christian Sites at the Sea of Galilee

As part of the seminar's focus on the complex religious fabric of Israeli society, the group will be visiting several of the most sacred sites for Christians in the Holy Land. Included is a guided survey and discussion of some of the most important events in the life of Jesus by the Sea of Galilee. Just as strategic surveys in Jerusalem focused on Jewish, Muslim, and Christian history and claims to the land, the site visits to the Christian sites help provide context for the competing religious narratives for the land of Israel. For example, we will be visiting the Mount of Beatitudes, where Jesus delivered the Sermon on the Mount, the most studied and read speech of any religion in history. Our guide will also lead discussions through Capernaum and St. Peter's Church.

11:00 AM Depart for the Golan Heights

12:00-1:00 PM Israel's Northern Border Concerns: Syria

Strategic survey of Israel's border with Syria

With Cpt. Ilan Shulman

- at Ein Zivan

Israel's Northern Border Concerns: Syria

Captain (Res.) Ilan Shulman, a disabled IDF veteran, divides his time guiding geopolitical tours on the Galilee and Golan Heights, lecturing to students, giving geo-political briefings for delegations through various Israeli foreign ministry programs, and fulfilling his IDF reserve duties in the Northern Command's intelligence unit. Shulman was raised in Kibbutz Merom Golan near Israel's border with Syria, where one of his favorite jobs was herding the kibbutz cattle. Shulman served in the IDF's paratrooper's unit, rising to the position of company commander. He holds a BA in Israel and Middle East Studies. During this session he will take participants to the border between Israel and Syria and provide an overview of the Syrian civil war.

1:00 PM Depart

1:15-2:30 PM Ethics In the IDF

Lunch with IDF Soldiers

-at HaBokrim

Ethics in the IDF

Ruach Tzahal (Literally, 'Spirit of the IDF') represents the values of the Israel Defense Forces and stands as the foundation for the responsibilities of Israel's army. This overarching ethical code, and the guidelines and operation resulting from it, shape the mode of action applied by all IDF soldiers and units, both in peace and at war. During basic training, every IDF soldier studies and analyzes the code of ethics together with their commanders. It is customary for a framed copy of the code to be hung in every commander's office as a constant reminder of the IDF's values and guidelines. During lunch, participants will be joined by soldiers in the Northern Command, who will discuss the challenges of serving in a region overtaken by the Syrian civil war.

2:30-5:30 PM Travel to Tel Aviv

2:30-3:30 PM En route briefings:

The Jezreel Valley
The Upper Galilee

The Jezreel Valley

Our tour guide will spend an hour during the drive from Israel's center to the north to provide the delegation a briefing on the Jezreel Valley and the Upper Galilee and the challenges facing these regions of the country.

For thousands of years, the Jezreel Valley served as a land bridge linking Africa, Asia and Europe, and serving as a thoroughfare for ancient caravans and, more frequently, armies. In modern times, during World War I, for example, the British and Turkish forces fought a number of pitched battles in the valley. In 1948, following Israel's establishment, the combined forces of Iraq and Jordan attempted unsuccessfully to capture the valley in order to split the just-born Israel into two parts. In the early 20th century, after decades of neglect, Jewish pioneers drained the swamps in the valley, transforming this region into Israel's "breadbasket" known for wheat, cotton, sunflowers and fish ponds. The Jezreel Valley is also home to historical and biblical sites including Tel Megiddo and Nazareth.

Today it is an important symbol of Israel's complex and diverse political reality. The Jezreel Valley, together with the areas of the Lower and Upper Galilee, is home to the majority of Israel's Arab citizens. A survey of this area provides an opportunity to discuss and learn about Israel's Arab citizens – 20 percent of the population – each of which has full democratic, social and welfare rights, the right to vote and serve in the Knesset, and the opportunity to serve on Israel's Supreme Court. These issues are not widely known and this segment gives trip participants the opportunity to understand Israel's relationship with its largest minority group.

Upper Galilee

The Upper Galilee is home to the largest variety of ethnic communities in Israel including Druze, Circassian, Arab Muslim and Arab Christian villages. The Galilee is also home to ancient Jewish and Christian holy sites that provide additional historical and political context to regional tensions. Just as in the case of the Jezreel Valley, the area illustrates the role of minorities in Israel.

At the same time, the Upper Galilee is home to some of the most prominent industrial hubs. Best known among them is the Tefen Industrial area, home to numerous enterprises established by the region's residents – Jewish and Arab. In 2006, Upper Galilee's ISCAR Metal Working Company was purchased for \$5 billion by Warren Buffet's conglomerate holding company. Since then, a number of American investors have become partners in some of the region's hi-tech and biotech companies.

While time does not permit for sites visits, a drive through the region allows for expanding on the importance of the area in the context of the U.S.-Israel relationship.

6:30-8:30 PM The U.S.-Israel Relationship: Bringing it All Together

Closing dinner -in Tel Aviv

Closing Dinner

The closing dinner provides an opportunity for participants to process the scope of the week, from the religious center of the Judeo-Christian world in Jerusalem, to the bustling economic powerhouse of Tel Aviv; from the conflict plagued northern borders with Syria and Lebanon, to

the environmental and geographical wonders of the Negev desert and the Dead Sea. We will process the range of topics explored, including the U.S.-Israel strategic partnership, prospects for Arab-Israeli peace, the experience of minorities in Israel, as well as greater existential threats throughout the region. Participants will also have the opportunity to share their takeaways and ask any lingering questions that weren't covered during the week.

8:30 PM Depart for the airport

11:25 PM Depart Ben-Gurion Airport

Friday, August 23, 2019

4:30 AM Arrive at Newark

Morning Flights to various airports from Newark

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SELECT COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

August 9, 2019

The Honorable Rick Scott United States Senate Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Scott:

This responds to your recent correspondence concerning an invitation you and your spouse received to travel to an educational seminar in Jerusalem, and Tiberias, Israel, on August 17-23, 2019, sponsored by the American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF). AIEF certified to the Select Committee on Ethics (the Committee) that it will pay the necessary expenses² related to the travel and that it is neither a lobbyist, nor lobbying firm, nor agent of a foreign principal, and it is not otherwise acting as a representative or agent of a foreign government. AIEF has also certified that it does not retain or employ a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal and that no registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal will accompany you at any point throughout your trip.3

Based on information and materials available to the Committee, and assuming the actual travel and travel-related expenses conform to the information and materials you provided, it appears that the proposed payment or reimbursement of necessary expenses for this trip may be accepted under relevant Senate Rules and the Committee's Regulations and Guidelines for Privately-Sponsored Travel, so long as at the time of the payment or reimbursement, AIEF is neither a registered lobbyist nor lobbying firm under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995, nor an agent of a foreign principal under the Foreign Agents Registration Act (and is not otherwise acting as a representative or agent of a foreign government), and provided the travel and all required documents are disclosed to the Secretary of the Senate in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rules 34 and 35. Necessary expenses may include travel expenses for the spouse or child of a Member if the Member determines that the attendance of the spouse or child is appropriate to assist in the representation of the Senate.

Under Senate Rule 35, a Senator or officer who receives payment or reimbursement for necessary expenses related to fact-finding travel must disclose those expenses to the Secretary of the Senate by filing the completed Senators and Officers Post-Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses (Form RE-3), along with a copy of the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form, and

¹ You have represented that you will personally pay for your spouse's travel expenses.

² The term "necessary expenses" has a specific definition. See Select Committee on Ethics' Regulations and Guidelines for Privately-Sponsored Travel - Glossary of Terms at 8.

³ The term "any point throughout your trip" has a specific definition. See Select Committee on Ethics' Regulations and Guidelines for Privately-Sponsored Travel – Glossary of Terms at 2.

all relevant attachments (e.g., the private sponsor's invitation and itinerary) within 30 days of the conclusion of Privately-Sponsored Travel.

The Committee has determined that § 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations that are classified as private foundations, as opposed to public charities, may not pay for transportation from the United States to a foreign country. However, AIEF represented to the Committee that it is a § 501(c)(3) public charity, as opposed to a private foundation, pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code. S

Please be advised that the United States Constitution prohibits the acceptance of any gift, including a meal, from a foreign government without the consent of Congress. In the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act (FGDA), Congress consented to the acceptance by federal government officials of: (1) gifts of minimal value and (2) travel or the expenses for travel taking place entirely outside the United States, from a foreign government (which includes those acting as a representative or agent of a foreign government). The Senate has defined minimal value as \$100 or less. Further, pursuant to FGDA, there are certain reporting and procedural requirements that are imposed upon Members, officers, and employees who accept gifts from a foreign government. Please review the Committee's "Dear Colleague" letter of January 11, 2019, setting forth the items to be included in filing that report.

Finally, Senate Rule 34 requires a Member, on his or her Financial Disclosure Report, to make an annual disclosure of the receipt of payments or reimbursements under Senate Rule 35 from a private sponsor for officially-related travel expenses where, in the aggregate, travel expenses exceed \$390 from that sponsor during a calendar year. However, if a Member, officer, or employee properly reports the receipt of necessary expenses for such travel to the Secretary of the Senate within 30 days of the travel, as discussed above, the travel expenses need not be disclosed a second time on their Financial Disclosure Report.

If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Committee.

Sincerely,

Deborah Sue Mayer

Chief Counsel and Staff Director

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Enclosure: Travel Checklist

⁴ See 26 U.S.C. § 4941 et seq. Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code broadly defines non-profit, charitable, tax-exempt organizations. These § 501(c)(3) organizations are then further defined or designated as "public charities" and "private foundations."

⁵ 26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3).

^{6 5} U.S.C. § 7342.